

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2008

Opening

Mayor Fred Paris called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Roll

The roll was called and Board Members Joe Ault and Steve Houglan were present.

Also present were: Police Chief Stan Lynn, Fire Chief Jim Reese, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe, WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton, Planning Director Krista Linke, Street Commissioner Steve Compton, Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander and Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Kathy Cragen.

Mr. Ault offered the invocation which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Mayor Paris asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on anything not listed on the agenda. Mr. Tom Mazza owner of the JukeBox Restaurant came forward to speak about noise complaints filed against his establishment. Mr. Mazza seems to feel that the person filing complaints is singling out his business for some reason. Police officers investigating have stated that they cannot hear excessive noise. The same person has made numerous complaints. Mr. Mazza also states that the police department seems to be making a lot of traffic stops in front of his place of business, which has a negative affect on his revenue. Krista Linke Planning Department stated that bands are allowed to play until 1:00 am. Police Chief Lynn said that he will check into the complaints.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Houglan. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 25, 2008.
2. Accounts Payable Voucher Registers
 - #032908 in the amount of \$3,262.77
 - #032808 in the amount of \$4,177,859.21
 - #040408 in the amount of \$106,980.27
 - #033108 in the amount of \$3,410.00
 - #041208 in the amount of \$28,676.68
 - #041108 in the amount of \$18,311.33
 - #041508 in the amount of \$4,745,212.18
 - #041408 in the amount of \$1,439,803.78
3. Accounts Payable Payroll Voucher Register
 - March 2008 - General & Pension Payroll \$613,839.71
 - March 2008 - Sewer Payroll \$51,452.32

Old Business

None

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Request for a 30 Day Extension of Short Term Disability

Planning Director Krista Linke made the request on behalf of Larry Harris, explaining that his first short term disability will end April 22, and requested an extension from 23-until June 5th. Mayor Paris commented that in the very near future Short Term Disability will be administered by Principal the City's third party benefits administrator. Mayor Paris made a motion to grant the request for a 30 day extension of the short term disability policy which was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved.

Request for permission to place dumpster at 99 North Water Street for House Construction

Mr. Jerry Wright the petitioner did not appear. Mayor Paris stated that he will take responsibility for letting Mr. Wright know about the number of days he will be allowed to keep the dumpster in the right-of-way. Mr. Hougland made a motion to authorize the Mayor to determine the number of days after speaking with the homeowner, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved.

Request to Exchange 41 Cellular Telephones to Sprint/Embarq for Credit by the Police Department

Lieutenant. Jim Hoeing presented the department's request to trade in their cellular telephones for credit. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried and was approved.

Request for Variance from the City's Noise Ordinance for the Don Henry Memorial Ride

Mr. Dave Walters asked the Board for a variance to the noise ordinance for the Don Henry Memorial Ride a charity motorcycle ride for benefiting the Cancer Society which will be held at the American Legion. They will have a live band outdoors which will play until 11:00 pm. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request for a variance seconded by Mr. Hougland. The motion carried and was approved.

Request to Use a City owned parking lot for the Lions Club Fish Fry (s) in 2008

Eric Schumacher speaking on behalf of the Franklin Lions Club ask permission to use city owned parking lot for a Spring fish fry and Fall fish fry. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried and was approved.

Other Business

Outstanding Violations Update

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander asked to withdraw this item from the agenda.

Mayor Paris stated that he had received a complaint about school bus along State Road 44 near Middleton Street and King Street stop issues. Police Chief Stan Lynn recommended that flashing school zone lights be installed. Mr. Compton will relay the recommendation to INDOT.

Mayor Paris talked about the spring clean up day scheduled Saturday April 19, and said that wants two dumpsters put out; one on Utz Street, and one for the Parks Department.

Department Reports

Street Department

Street Commissioner Steve Compton stated that he had talked to INDOT about school zones. Mr. Compton also stated that all the department lawnmowers are getting tuned up and ready to go out.

Planning Department

Planning Director Krista Linke stated that there are interviews scheduled for the engineering firm for the downtown streetscape project. Contract negotiations will begin next week. The project has to be designed and out for bid by the end of June.

Engineering Department

Assistant City Engineer Todd Wilkerson did not have a report.

Parks Department

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner had nothing to report.

WWTP & Sewer Maintenance

Superintendent Rick Littleton nothing to report.

Sewer Billing

Billing Manager Brenda Poe states that they are re-evaluating sewer bills.

Cemetery

Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb told the Board that the transmission is going out in the old police car he uses for funerals. The estimate for repairs is \$1600.00. Mayor Paris said he did not want to put \$1600.00 in this car. Mr. Webb also said that the department's lawnmowers are eight to ten years old, and will need to be replaced soon.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jim Reese said that his department will be returning two cars from Police Department a 1996 Crown Victoria and a 2000 Crown Victoria to the Police Department. He also stated that the Fire Station Building Committee went to Mooresville today and looked at blueprints of a firestation they plan to build there.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2008 at 9:30 am at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Approved by the Board of Works: Tuesday, April 29, 2008